

1 - Mr. Failey  
1 - Mr. G. J. Foster  
1 - Legal Counsel Division  
(Attn: Mr. Coulson)

March 13, 1978

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS  
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In the course of a file review conducted at the St. Louis FBI Office in an unrelated matter, a St. Louis informant file was reviewed. This file contained a contact memorandum dated March 19, 1974, which set forth information relating to several criminal matters and also contained the following paragraph:

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Beyers talked freely about himself and his business, and they later went to [REDACTED] where Beyers told a story about visiting a lawyer in St. Louis County, now deceased, not further identified, who had offered to give him a contract to kill Martin Luther King. He said that also present was a short, stocky man, who walked with a limp. (Later, with regard to the latter individual, Beyers commented that this man was actually the individual who made the payoff of James Earl Ray after the killing.) Beyers said he had declined to accept this contract. He did remark that this lawyer had confederate flags and other items about the house that might indicate that he was 'a real rebel'. Beyers also commented that he had been offered either \$10,000 or \$20,000 to kill King.

Extensive further research in the St. Louis indices and files failed to reveal this information was in any way disseminated and the information simply reposes in the informant file.

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ORIGINAL AND ONE SENT TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.  
CRIMINAL DIVISION, ATTENTION: MR. ROBERT L. KNUCK  
NOTE: See Director, FBI, letter to Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division, Attention: Robert L. Knuck, dated  
March 24, 1978, captioned as above.  
1 - Assistant Attorney General  
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1 - Office of Professional Responsibility  
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